



**MINUTES – Wednesday 14 October 2020  
6:30pm ROS CRICHTON PAVILLION**

**Present:** CT, GM, MC (chair), JC, DE, BH, MO'L, PL  
**Apologies:** DH, CE&P, JC

**1 Guest speakers:**

Presentation by Sydney Heritage Fleet members regarding the proposed Museum of Sydney Harbour at Berrys Bay.

Alan Edenborough, Relocation Director, Sydney Heritage Fleet  
Stephen Ryan

Stephen and Alan made an excellent presentation on the proposed development of the MoSH. Development will need to await the completion of the Western Harbour Tunnel if it proceeds for which the northern worksite will be on the western side of Berrys Bay. The site would include a Museum, a commercial marina of 26 berths (to be managed by Roads and Maritime Services) for up to 15m boats, working sheds or boat repairs, kayak launching and a ferry wharf. Also, a platform floating dry dock (unlike the high-sided dry dock now owned by Noakes).

Most visitors are expected to come by boat from Darling Harbour or Circular Quay or on foot from Waverton Station. Visitors will not be encouraged to visit by car, limiting the increase in traffic on Bay Rd.

The meeting raised an issue in relation to e.g. spray painting, blasting and similar activities which can cause marine pollution. We were advised that only minor servicing would be undertaken.

The meeting expressed generally positive views about MoSH and will write to express this. The proposed access to the public right around the foreshore is positive. We will look forward to receiving more information from time to time. Since many precincts are interested in the MoSH, we will suggest that information is provided through E-news.

The meeting thanked Alan and Stephen for their presentation.

**2 Minutes of meeting 9 September 2020**

Minutes were circulated to meeting attenders on 10 Sept and to all email members on the 14th. NSC objected to parts of Section 1 and gave us the option of blacking out the sections or removing them. We decided to black them out, which is now the version available on the NSC website at [https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council\\_Meetings/Community\\_Engagement/Precincts/Edward\\_Precinct](https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Community_Engagement/Precincts/Edward_Precinct)

Precinct is disappointed that NSC required such extensive redaction of our minutes which represented the discussion at the September meeting. The current meeting suggested that the basis for NSC controlling precinct meeting minutes could usefully be discussed at the next CPC meeting (on 20 October).

The unredacted minutes were approved by the meeting.

### 3 Development Applications

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined with closed or closing date:

#### Approved or rejected DAs

- DA 57/19. Floating Dry Dock, Berrys Bay. Unanimously refused by Planning Panel. This decision reflected the wish of the precincts between Pacific Highway and Berrys Bay including Edward. It is possible that Noakes will appeal this decision. There are ongoing court cases relating to Noakes' reported failure to comply with previous DA conditions.

#### Open DAs

- [DA 222/20](#) 53 Edward St New metal pergola. Closes 16 October  
Small veranda at the rear, replacing an approved larger investment.  
Roof is colour bond, heavily insulated, on a slope, water goes into a drain.  
No excavation is involved. Discussion focussed on possible noise issues, which were satisfactorily responded to by the owner.  
Precinct had no objection to the DA
- DA 225/19 LEC, 27 Edward Street Alterations and additions to dwelling including new first floor. Amended Proposal. Land and Environment Court No 354290 of 2019. Closes 23 October.  
No views were expressed by the meeting.

### 4 General business

#### 4.1 Draft North Sydney Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan

The plan is based on a horizon of 16 years. The estimated growth in the North Sydney local government area until 2036 includes 11,902 new residents and 16,746 new workers.

See <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/local-infrastructure-contributions>

Precinct members are encouraged to complete the survey which closes 3 November.

Discussion noted that there are serious impacts relating to the increase in high-rise building construction leading to shading and the creation of wind tunnels. The expansion of worker numbers may now be questionable due to changes in work practices due to Covid19, which has demonstrated the effectiveness of undertaking office work from home for a number of days each week.

Precinct supports development of affordable housing (as a condition of high-rise building construction agreements) and is concerned that developers are avoiding development and payment in-lieu. Examples were discussed relating to Shore school and commercial development on William St.

#### 4.2 Western Harbour Tunnel Beaches Link - current status

The Waverton Precinct request to write to Felicity Wilson was circulated to Edward E-members. It is noted that the letter relates to the environmental assessment and does not object to the concept of the tunnel.

Review suggests that DMR took little account of the many negative aspects of the WHT raised by local communities and those from the Inner West, and assume the road is going to proceed. It is noted that there no mention of the request by objectors that the whole concept of the WHT should be reviewed and compared to public transport upgrades, in the context of changing traffic patterns likely in coming years. There is no assessment of the negative impact of the tunnel on the city of North Sydney and surrounding suburbs.

The long and complex set of documents is now available at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10451> e.g., Response to submissions, Part C Community Submissions.

In the view of precinct, the approach taken to the WHT and submissions made is inadequate.

#### **4.3 Coal Loader Complex – possible listing on the NSW Heritage Register**

The Coal Loader Complex was nominated by NSC for listing in 2017 including the dilapidated heritage wharf. The meeting supported listing and repair of the wharf (if feasible).

The Coal Loader survey is open until Friday 30 October and can be accessed online at <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/coal-loader>

#### **4.4 Cycle pop-up route from Arthur St to West St along the Highway**



See <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/popup-covid-19-infrastructure/index.html>

The likely detailed design and start date are not yet known by NSC.

#### **4.5 Carradah Park “The Sun Also Rises” sculpture proposed location**

In our July meeting, we recorded “There was strong opposition by some members to the Carradah park option due to an expected reduction in the use of the park. St Leonards park was suggested as an alternative.” NSC treated this as a submission.

The main issue is the possible need to fence off the sculpture, which would be considered to be a significant negative in the park.

#### **4.6 Possible extension of Precinct meetings to webinar**

Precinct E-members were requested again to indicate interest in attending zoom meetings by email on 9 October. No responses were received.

It is noted that NSC meetings are combined zoom and in-person meetings, with three separate computer/camera shots of attenders, with other councillors attending through skype. It would not be easy to include on-screen all in-person attenders to a precinct meeting.

Union Precinct plans to discuss the potential for such meetings at its AGM. If a suitable system can be devised, Edward will also review options at its November meeting for possible commencement in 2021.

#### 4.7 Possible joint precinct meeting with CBD in 2021

The potential for such a meeting will largely depend on the COVID situation. When clear, a combined meeting would probably be useful, in part to see how a combined Edward/CBD precinct could operate if the suggested precinct merger plan is implemented.

It is proposed that John Henry is requested to distribute flyers to both businesses and residents when the meeting date is agreed.

#### 4.8 Proposed link to Waverton Hub

A note outlining and linking to the Waverton Hub was included on the back of the flyer for this meeting. When the Hub returns to normal at the end of COVID, it is proposed to advise the surrounding precincts – Union, Waverton and Wollstonecraft of the Hub, and suggest that if interested, they could undertake a similar step.

#### 4.9 Planned Edward AGM 11 November and social event

A short AGM and normal meeting will be held at Ros Crichton on 11 November. A social event may be held after this, or at a later date at a different location.

### 5 Correspondence, Notifications and other information from Council

#### Change in DA Notices

The requirement for councils to advertise new development applications, development consents and other planning matters in local newspapers has been removed, following amendments to relevant State Government regulations.

Council has commenced issuing an E-news to inform of the notices, an example is attached. If you wish to subscribe to this E-newsletter you can do so by visiting [https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council\\_Meetings/Council\\_News/E-news](https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Council_News/E-news) and chose [DA Applications and Consents](#) (at the bottom of the page).

In addition, a link to [Council's webpage](#) which list the notices is available via;

- The *Your Say North Sydney* section on the bottom right hand corner of [Council's homepage](#)
- A 'tile' on the [Your Say North Sydney](#) home page

Council has also created a shorter URL that can be used on Precinct flyers or emails to your members <https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/DA-notices> [very useful].

Apart from this DA approach and items outlined in Section 4 above, there is little in YourSay and E-news that is relevant to Edward Precinct.

The Precinct monthly meeting is your opportunity to provide community advice to Council on matters affecting your local area. For more information or suggestions for agenda items, please contact the Edward precinct committee at [edwardprecinct@iinet.net.au](mailto:edwardprecinct@iinet.net.au) .

**Next Edward Precinct meeting & AGM:** Wednesday 11 November 2020